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cleanup crew gave Metro
a few examples of what
they've seen scrawled on
London walls over the
years. Here's a look:

The best work

One mural under a
bridge at Boler Road was
"excellent" and "awe-
some," said the crew,
who were sad to have to
paint over it."If this artist put their
talents to good use they
would certainly go a long
way," Jamie Niles said.

The worst work

There is racial abuse, ob-
scene language and there
are homophobic taunts.
The workers say swas-
tikas turn their stomachs
the most. Yes, they do see
them.The most persistent:
TagsThe same ones appear
all over the city, often on
similar structures such as
bridges or underpasses.Each one is photo-
graphed using a camera
with built-in geotagging
in case the pictures are
needed as evidence.Every tag is tracked
across the city.

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Chad Sorensen, a member of a city cleanup crew, makes short work of some complex graffiti Thursday at an underpass near Hyde Park and Sarnia roads. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Efforts stepped up in war on graffiti

The writing's on the wall. Pilot project adds to city's weapons against vandalism

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Swastikas, hate speech and obscenities mix with beautiful abstract art on many London walls, but it all ends up

the same way — wiped from existence

The city is stepping up its never-ending battle against graffiti with a pilot project that gives free paint to under-pressure property owners.

Council has approved the idea, which involves a partnership with the Color Company, and also offers discounted use of power washers and anti-graffiti coatings. The company's support means it costs the taxpayer nothing.

Jamie Niles and Chad Sorensen

members of the city's property standards department, took Metro to a dark underpass on Thursday to see the results of taggers' work, and to watch them get rid of it.

"Some of the artwork, I'm not sure how long it takes them to do it," Niles said. "It's a bit of a shame. If it takes them two hours to do it, it takes us five minutes to paint over it."

Sorensen added: "It takes us longer to start the ma-

chine and get the hose out than it takes us to paint over the graffiti."

The crew may feel bad sometimes for covering up the work, but that doesn't stop them.

"If we can get to it, we'll paint over it," Niles said. "Often when we are painting, people stop to talk to us. Every single person that's come by has said something positive. 'People hate graffiti.'

The pilot project came into being after property owners

complained of "double victimization," in which they are targeted by graffiti artists and taggers but are then made to clean it up by the city.

Now the city will issue a work order and the property owner can take it to the Color Company for a free gallon of custom-matched paint to cover the graffiti, or a discount on a power washer or any-graffiti coating.

The pilot will be evaluated in the fall and could continue. It is available citywide.

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Hate crime. Numbers need study, diversity officer says

London police Sgt. Marcel Marcellin, the force's diversity officer, says much has been done in the areas of education, awareness and policing of hate crimes, but a near 50 per cent decrease sparks more questions than answers.

Statistics Canada reported Thursday that local police-reported hate crimes dropped from 40 in 2010 to 22 in 2011.

"I'm looking at it, and I'm wondering did it really decrease that much? The stats say it did, but what are the variables that caused that disparity?" he asked.

Don't get him wrong. Marcellin was pleased to hear the positive news, but he's not one to take things at face value, especially when there's so much on the line for everyone of a different race, religion and sexual orientation.

Even the economy could play a role in the numbers, Marcellin ventured.

"In 2010, I'd be looking at the economy because generally people become more upset with new immigrants coming into the country when there aren't many jobs available," he said.

"I was the diversity officer in 2010 and 2011, and I don't know that I'd be able to say, 'yes, everything got way better.'" SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Elsewhere

- When it comes to hate crimes reported to police, only Ottawa and Guelph saw a larger decrease between 2010 and 2011 than the London area, Statistics Canada says. Peterborough and Hamilton saw an increase.



Members of the LGBT community staged a counter-protest aimed at people who denounce the gay lifestyle during last year's Pride London Festival parade. While hate crimes are down locally, members of the LGBT community say they continue to be targeted. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Hate crimes plummet – except against LGBT

Down nearly 50 per cent. Nationally, however, crimes targeting LGBTs are on the rise, StatsCan says

The number of police-reported hate crimes in the London area fell sharply in 2011, according to a Statistics Canada report issued Thursday.

But not all the news is good.

There were 40 reported hate crimes locally in 2010, but just 22 in 2011 — a drop of nearly 50 per cent.

Nationally, hate crimes fell for the second consecutive year. Those tied to religion decreased by 17 per cent, while those motivated by race fell by four per cent.

The bad news is that hate

crimes against the LGBT community across the country rose by 10 per cent in 2011 after an increase in 2010 as well.

Local numbers weren't broken down by race, religion or sexual orientation, but Pride London Festival president Andrew Rossner believes the local LGBT community is still too often the target of abuse.

"I was at the park last year measuring space for our food vendors," Rossner said, "and I was verbally assaulted by a group of teens, who were calling me every name in the book."

"I had my festival shirt on and they were calling me fag and daring each other to run up and hit the fag. Those things happen all the time."

If all hate crimes in London were actually reported to police, Rossner estimates the

London ranked 15th

- The London area ranked 15th out of 33 municipalities nationwide for hate-crime reports in 2011.
- It was a significant drop from 2010, when the area ranked fifth, according to Statistics Canada.

Statistics Canada figure would be 10 times larger.

Still, he's pleased with the outreach efforts of local police over the past few years, especially the work of diversity officer Sgt. Marcel Marcellin.

"I really believe the work Marcel and the police force has done has made a huge difference," he said.

"Even their presence in the

Pride parade over the past few years has been wonderful."

Marcellin believes that too many incidents go unreported. He's working on rectifying that issue, but it's slow going.

"I know, anecdotally, that we should view those numbers with caution because there are still many people who don't contact the police when these things happen," he said.

It's been tough work at times, and there's still much to do, but he sees real progress.

"Part of doing that is demonstrating our support. Not just saying it, but doing it, and part of doing it is marching in the (Pride) parade, where we can demonstrate our commitment and support to the LGBT community so that they and the community overall sees that we have their back."

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

South London. Speed a factor in fatal crash: Cops

Police believe speed was partly to blame in a Wednesday crash that killed a man on Manning Drive west of Old Victoria Road.

The unidentified man was travelling eastbound on Manning in a Volkswagen Golf when it veered off the south side of the road and

hit a tree, police said.

He was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

The cause of death has not yet been determined and a post-mortem examination was scheduled for Thursday.

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Suspect wanted in 4 robberies

London police are looking for a man wanted for a string of robberies in the past week.

The suspect, who was carrying a knife, entered a Subway store at 760 Hyde Park Rd. at about 3:30 p.m. on July 5 and demanded cash.

On Tuesday, robberies were reported at two Mac's convenience stores, one at about 7 p.m. at 925 Wonder-

land Rd. S. and another at about 10 p.m. at 2254 Trafalgar St. Those robberies also involved a knife.

The latest robbery was on Wednesday at Ben's Variety (324 Wharncliffe Rd. S.). No one was injured in any of the incidents, police said.

The suspect in all four is described as white, between 30 and 35, about six feet tall

and 220 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police at 519-661-5670 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES: LONDON WEST IS SHOWING ALL THE SIGNS OF A MAJOR OUTBREAK OF DEMOCRACY



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London West has a strange affliction.

Like someone who's just come down with chicken pox, the roadsides and lawns of the riding have had a very visible outbreak of election signs.

They are everywhere. As soon as you hit Wharncliffe Road, there they are, bursting out of the ground in various colours, like the symptoms of a raging case of democracy.

Journalists covering the byelection keep hearing the

candidates say they want to focus on the issues. But, while they're talking, it's easy to let your attention wander to the eye-watering repetition of political advertising.

Metro found a strange reluctance from some to reveal all about their signs, like it's an embarrassing skin complaint.

More than once, campaign volunteers muttered about the other side finding out what they were doing. Paranoia is another symptom of democracy, it seems.

Almost nobody, for example, was willing to say where their signs come from. One party did, but don't skip

to the end and spoil it.

Liberal campaign spokeswoman Emily Hedges said Ken Coran's campaign expects to use 800 large signs for public places and 3,000 small ones for lawns by election day on Aug. 1.

But she declined to say how much they will spend on signs during the campaign, or to reveal who makes their signs, saying the supplier had asked them not to.

Over at the NDP offices on Wharncliffe Road, Metro was asked by a volunteer not to take pictures of a storeroom full of signs ready to go out.

Spokesman Cim Nunn said they will be "in the thou-

You want to ask about my what?

Metro found a strange reluctance from some to reveal all about their signs, like it's an embarrassing skin complaint.

sands," although he wouldn't say how many in total.

"We intend to have enough signs to fulfil the desires of any London West resident who wants to have a sign on their lawn," he declared.

The NDP is already planning to reuse their signs, saying that candidate Peggy Sattler will be elected and they can just slap a "re-elect" sticker on each sign next time

around.

For the Progressive Conservatives, candidate Ali Chahbar himself spoke about what his supporters are doing, and was pretty open about it.

He said the party will spend between \$6,000 and \$7,000 on signs. He too wouldn't say who makes them.

With the Freedom Party's

Al Gretzky out of town due to a family commitment, and Libertarian Geoffrey Serbee not returning calls, Metro's final stop was the Green Party.

Astonishingly, Green candidate Gary Brown immediately identified his supplier, the only printer in Rodney, and revealed he has 500 signs ready to go out.

Asked how much they cost, he said he couldn't remember but, for this byelection, they were free. Brown has stood for election twice before, and is reusing a garage full of old ones.

Now that is standing by your party's principles.



The corner of Wharncliffe Road and Horton Street is quickly becoming a campaign sign hot spot for candidates in the London West byelection. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Let's make a deal

\$10-15

Suppliers charge \$10 to \$15 for a large sign, such as the ones by major roads, and \$5 to \$10 for smaller lawn signs. Every party negotiates its own deal, so prices vary. They are made of "corriboard" — that's corrugated plastic, for all you laymen and laywomen.

Not so innocent

When signs go bad

Candidates aren't allowed to put signs where they risk road safety, for example by limiting drivers' vision. The city also doesn't allow them in public parks, on utility poles, very near roads or too close to private driveways.

Go ahead, tattletale

Want to get rid of one?

If you spot an election sign that concerns you, call the city at 519-661-4570 or email es@london.ca and staff may tell the candidate's office to remove it. If it's not removed, the city might do the work and bill the candidate.

Hazardous to your car

Common complaints

Lou Pompilii, the city's manager of zoning and public property compliance, said most complaints during the London West byelection have been about signs on a median strip, creating a hazard. Pompilii declined to reveal which candidate was the culprit.

Did they have a crystal ball?

Quick off the mark

Some candidates jumped the gun for putting their names out there. "We received a few complaints before the election was called," Pompilii said. Signs were out before Premier Kathleen Wynne signalled the official start of the campaign.

Full house

The names on the frames

Those standing in the byelection are Gary Brown (Green Party), Ali Chahbar (Progressive Conservatives), Ken Coran (Liberals), Al Gretzky (Freedom Party), Peggy Sattler (NDP) and Geoffrey Serbee (Libertarian).

Dream Lottery

London man, hospitals win big

For a handful of people, "the dream" came true Thursday as winners of the Dream Lottery cashed in.

The lottery's ultimate prize went to John Kennedy. The Londoner will have his pick of \$1 million in cash or one of three home packages.

For the first time in the lottery's nearly two decades, an additional ticket-holder was picked for a 50-50 prize of \$414,610. That cash infusion went to Daniel Gaudenzi of Sarnia.

Proceeds from the lottery are shared by the St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation, London Health Sciences Foundation and Children's Health Foundation. KEVIN HURREN/FOR METRO

NeighbourGoodGuide.ca

Like it, share it and party on

A few simple "likes" and "shares" could help your neighbourhood win a \$5,000 party.

People are being asked to share their favourite gems about the community they live in via the NeighbourGoodGuide.ca. The gem with the most feedback by Aug. 31 will be deemed a winner.

Gems can include small businesses, art, heritage buildings, gardens, parks, trails, or anything else people like about their neighbourhood.

A winner will be announced this fall. METRO



A woman pumps gas at a London station Thursday afternoon as experts warn a price hike is coming for the weekend.
MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Gas pain? It's coming: Expert

Prices set to bloat.

Pump forecasters calling for hike right across the country



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By the numbers

Average price of a litre of gas in London:

- One month ago: \$123.7
- One year ago: \$123.1
- Two years ago: \$129.8
- Three years ago: \$103.8

SOURCE: TOMORROWSGASPRICETODAY.COM

Going to the summer cottage is about to get a tad more expensive, claims the website tomorrowsgaspricetoday.com.

The prognosticators of petrol see a jump at the pumps starting Friday. Website founder and former MP Dan Mc

Teague said on the site's video. "That means that we're going to see an increase of at least two-and-a-half cents a litre into Friday and possibly another penny by Saturday, but that really depends on where markets are going to go."

Folks in southwestern Ontario shouldn't take it personally. McTeague said prices are about to go up right across the country.

"All of us will see an increase on the order of anywhere between two to four cents a litre wherever you are," he said.

The average price per litre in London was sitting at \$125.9 on Thursday.

Study. Overreaction, under the influence

We all know drinking can slow down our reflexes. Turns out, it can also make us a tad, well, jumpy.

A study out of Western University shows alcohol — no matter how much you've had — impacts our ability to override snap decisions that are natural responses to what's happening around us.

Researchers came to the conclusion by asking study participants to point to an object that suddenly appeared. The object occasionally made a sudden move.

Both sober and after a few drinks, people were generally able to successfully handle the pointing bit. But, when asked to stay still as the target moved,

About the institute

Western University's Brain and Mind Institute deals primarily with topics related to cognitive neuroscience, which, in simple terms, boils down to what makes us tick upstairs.

people who had been drinking were unable to stop themselves from reacting.

The overreaction was true, researchers said, even for people whose blood-alcohol content was within the legal limit.

The work was done at Western's Brain and Mind Institute.

KEVIN HURREN/FOR METRO



Green machine up and running

Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, left, campaigns Thursday with London West byelection candidate Gary Brown. The pair were at Hacker Studios, which leases by-the-desk workspaces to entrepreneurs. Schreiner was in London to mark the official launch of Brown's campaign. London West candidates Ken Coran, a Liberal, and the NDP's Peggy Sattler launched their campaigns earlier this month. Progressive Conservative candidate Ali Chahbar began his campaign in February. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



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Oath to the Queen of Canada 'repulsive'

Forcing would-be Canadians to pledge allegiance to the Queen before they can become citizens is discriminatory and a violation of their rights, three permanent residents are set to argue in court on Friday.

The Citizenship Act requires applicants for citizenship to swear or affirm they will be "faithful and bear true allegiance to Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors."

The requirement "effectively bars" the applicants from enjoying citizenship rights such as voting or obtaining a Canadian passport given their constitutionally protected beliefs, their application to Ontario Superior Court states.

One of the applicants, Michael McAteer, says his father was persecuted in Ireland for supporting Irish independence.

"Taking an oath of allegiance to a hereditary monarch



Michael McAteer, one of three disgruntled would-be citizens.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

trenched privilege and taking the oath would be "repulsive."

For its part, the federal government argues that the three are in Canada voluntarily, and their political and religious views enjoy constitutional protections.

That they cannot have the "convenience" of a Canadian passport or the right to vote is a small price to pay for adhering to their principles.

"It is not constitutionally inconsistent that the applicants who find Canada's foundational democratic political structure to be 'repugnant,' at least in parts, are not accorded the right to vote within that political system," it states.

"The inability to enjoy the benefits of citizenship ... are amongst the costs reasonably borne by individuals whose personal beliefs run counter to Canada's foundational heritage." THE CANADIAN PRESS

who lives abroad would violate my conscience," McAteer says.

Simone Toney says swearing allegiance to the Queen — whom Rastafarians regard as the "head of Babylon" — would violate her beliefs.

Dror Bar-Natan maintains the Queen is a symbol of en-



People comfort each other outside an emergency shelter in Lac-Mégantic, Que., on Thursday. Some locals have fond recollections of their dealings with the train driver at the centre of the investigation. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Train engineer a hero or criminal?

Lac-Mégantic disaster.

Man hailed for valiant actions now suspended and under suspicion

Leave him alone

"I imagine it's not his fault. In the meantime, he needs support — he doesn't need harassment.... And if it's his fault, listen, he will pay for it, for sure."

Taxi driver Andre Turcotte, who has transported engineer Tom Harding from the train to the inn once or twice a week for the past four months.

His face gripped with terror, the train driver sprang out of bed at the inn where he'd retired for the night and raced to the scene of an impending catastrophe.

Residents of Lac-Mégantic, Que., painted a portrait Thursday of the friendly railman who chatted with locals during his regular stopovers in town.

An employee at the inn says she thinks she was looking into his eyes the instant he realized his unmanned, crude-oil-filled train had just slammed into the downtown core.

The train driver, Tom Harding, now finds himself at the centre of the investigation into a derailment disaster now feared to have killed 50 people.

His boss has said he could face criminal charges.

The chairman of the rail company has suspended Harding without pay amid concerns that he might not have properly applied the brakes on the tanker train.

The company had initially described Harding as a hero

for apparently rushing to the scene where he managed to pull some of the explosive rail cars away from the flames.

A taxi driver met Harding twice about the smoke. Turcotte said his client calmly responded that he had followed company directives to deal with it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

did say that the train appeared to be belching out more smoke than usual, so much so that he recalled oil droplets from the exhaust landing on his car.

He said he asked Harding twice about the smoke. Turcotte said his client calmly responded that he had followed company directives to deal with it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Updates

Locals head home as first victim named

Police released the first name of a victim on Thursday: 93-year-old Eianne Parenteau. Most of the bodies have not been found or identified.

Much of the local anger has been directed at the company, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway.

Quebec Premier Pauline Marois called MMA's handling of the crisis "deplorable." The local mayor says she's angry at the company boss for cancelling a meeting with her.

Another 600 Lac-Mégantic residents are being allowed home. Quebec civil security spokeswoman Christine Savard said that means only about 200 people of 2,000 who were forced out won't be back home as of Friday.

Drug trade. Canadian crooks dealing directly with Mexican mobsters

Canadian organized-crime groups have forged links with Mexican outlaws in an attempt to secure a direct supply of cocaine and increase their profits by eliminating the middleman, the RCMP says.

An internal analysis by the Mounties notes that since 2008 at least 10 Canadians have been shot or killed in Mexico under circumstances suggesting involvement with local criminal elements.

Some were known to be active in drug trafficking in Canada and all had extensive criminal backgrounds, the RCMP analysis says.

A copy of the May 2012 assessment — heavily censored — was released under the Access to Information Act.

The murder in Mexico of several Canadians with criminal connections may signal that Canadian disputes and retaliatory actions are making their way south — contrary to the popular perception that drug-cartel frictions are migrating north, the RCMP's companion report says.

The Mounties map out various scenarios — all of which were withheld from release — as to what may be happening in this vein. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Mounties say global borders have become blurred with the proliferation of transnational organized crime. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Decriminalization

Pot petition goes official in B.C.

An activist in B.C. has been granted approval to launch an official petition in an effort to decriminalize marijuana.

Elections BC will issue the petition on Sept. 9, after which Dana Larsen has 90 days to gather the signatures of 10 per cent of voters in each of B.C.'s ridings.

If he achieves that, a committee of the legislature could choose to either send the matter to the legislature for a vote or call a referendum.

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\$2.3 billion under

Defence budget not fully spent

New figures show National Defence has not spent billions of dollars set aside for it during the last budget year, a trend some consider deficit slashing by stealth.

Retired lieutenant-general Andrew Leslie said the pattern is either a matter of managerial incompetence or a deliberate policy.

"If it is deliberate, the government of Canada needs to explain why."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top court to hear cell privacy case

Ottawa. Man arrested for armed robbery says police breached his rights by examining his phone

The Supreme Court of Canada is taking on the question of whether police can access information on a cellphone that isn't protected by a password.

The court has agreed to hear an appeal from Kevin Fearon, who was arrested after an armed robbery in Toronto in 2009.

Police obtained photos of a gun and cash, as well as a text message about jewelry, after taking a closer look at Fearon's phone, which was unlocked. After he was convicted, Fearon appealed, arguing that police breached his rights when they examined the phone after his arrest.

The Ontario Court of Appeal said it was all right for the police to look through the phone in a cursory fashion.

Transparency issue

Sheer pants may be due to incorrect size: Lululemon

Retailer Lululemon says customers could still be sporting see-through Luon yoga pants because they're buying sizes that are too small for them. The Vancouver-based company said there are still "a few negative comments" circulating on the Internet from shoppers whom it believes are buying the wrong size.

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No explanation

- As usual, the Supreme Court justices gave no reasons for agreeing to hear the case.
- Kevin Fearon also appealed over the issue of access to a lawyer, saying he was left in an interview room for five hours without an opportunity to contact counsel.
- The Supreme Court, however, said the appeal will be limited to the cellphone issue.

ion to see if there was evidence relevant to the crime, but after that they should have stopped to get a search warrant.

Had the phone been password-protected or otherwise locked to anyone other than its owner, "it would not have been appropriate" to look through the phone without a

search warrant.

The appeal judges referred to a decision in a murder case in which the judge did not allow evidence from a personal electronic device because it "functioned as a mini-computer," which has a high expectation of privacy.

The contents of that device were only extracted by a police officer using specialized equipment, the judges noted.

"There was no suggestion in this case that this particular cellphone functioned as a 'mini-computer,' nor that its contents were not 'immediately visible to the eye,'" the court said in its ruling.

"Rather, because the phone was not password-protected, the photos and the text message were readily available to other users."

Defence lawyer Sean Robichaud said that approach failed to take into account the amount of information many people keep on their cellphones these days.

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Royal-kid kitsch. Souvenir makers ready for mad dash



Souvenir plates to mark the forthcoming birth of a baby for Prince William and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, stand on display in a shop in central London on Wednesday. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's a royal bonanza — but for Britain's souvenir makers, also a royal headache. The upcoming birth of Prince William and his wife Kate's first child is a golden opportunity that comes with a mystery: The name and gender of the baby.

While merchants have known for months that the future heir to the throne is due in mid-July, they'll be sent into a mad dash to create, or at least put finishing touches on, royal baby memorabilia.

Sophie Allport, a designer of fine bone china, is one manufacturer waiting for the future monarch's name to send her

commercial plans into motion. She has thousands of pre-orders for hand-crafted commemorative mugs but can't fill them until the baby's name can be etched on the rims.

She's as ready as she can possibly be — having prepared both blue and pink designs depending on whether it's a prince or princess. "We've never done something like this so I hope it works," said Allport, whose designs, once finished, will be scanned, mailed or even driven by courier to the city of Stoke-on-Trent, the centre of Britain's ceramic industry.

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Monroe archive up for sale

Fashion and celebrity photographer Milton H. Greene was only 26 years old when he photographed Marilyn Monroe for Look magazine. He went on to take thousands of photos of the Hollywood siren, capturing both her vulnerability and her sex-bomb persona. Now, 3,700 unpublished black-and-white and colour negatives and transparencies of Greene's Monroe archive are going on the auction block — with copyright. They are but a fraction of 75,000 celebrity negatives and slides Greene shot in the 1950s and 1960s that are going on sale July 27 at Profiles in History in Los Angeles and online. "It's a big, big deal. It's like selling the recipe for Coca-Cola," said Joseph Maddalena, owner of Profiles in History. MILTON H. GREENE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air pollution

China to limit vehicle purchases in more cities

China plans to increase the number of cities that restrict vehicle purchases in a bid to fight pollution and traffic congestion, state media reported Thursday. With more than 13 million cars sold in China last year, motor vehicles and their emissions have emerged as the chief culprit for the air pollution in large cities.

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Pharmaceuticals

GlaxoSmithKline execs bribed docs, Chinese police say

China's police ministry accused executives of pharmaceutical supplier GlaxoSmithKline of conducting a large, long-running bribery campaign to persuade doctors to prescribe drugs. GSK employees are accused of paying "large bribes" laundered through travel agencies to doctors, hospitals and others.

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2 key execs leave BlackBerry

BlackBerry says two executives who played significant roles in the new smartphone launch have left the company.

T.A. McCann was vice-president of social networks at BlackBerry and oversaw operations of its BlackBerry Messenger service and other apps.

Marc Gingras handled the research and development of BlackBerry 10 email, calendar and contacts applications, and its integration into the new BlackBerry Hub. "We wish

them all the best in their future endeavours," the company said in a short statement.

Both men, who left the company amicably over the past month, became BlackBerry employees through the Waterloo, Ont.-based company's acquisition of startups.

McCann was the founder of social calendar company Gist, acquired in 2011. When he joined BlackBerry he became responsible for the integration of third-party apps like Twit-



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ter, Facebook, Foursquare and LinkedIn, as well as its messenger service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WE'RE GLAD YOU QUIT YOUR DAY JOB

1 Pocketful o' change. Stephen Harper's cabinet shuffle reminds me of a time when you could take a \$50 bill and change it into a stack of \$1 and \$2 bills so that you felt a little bit richer. Even though you still only had \$50.

2 Cool cats. Last December, a man in Windsor, Ont., was found with 155 dead cats in his freezer. This week, Jerry Miernecki pleaded guilty and was banned from owning more than one animal, which must be spayed or neutered. And one year probation, because they'll want to keep an eye out for odd behaviour.

3 Miseducation. Remember Lauryn Hill? The reclusive Fugees star left showbiz in 2000 due to the overwhelming pressure, but collected over \$1.5 million US in royalties between 2005 and 2007 for which she failed to file income tax. Hill is serving a three-month prison sentence, followed by 90 days of house arrest concurrent with one-year parole. And, on top of that, all of her pets must be spayed or neutered.



THE METRO LIST
Mike Benhaim

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4 Ice, ice baby. Homegrown cutie, Elisha Cuthbert, married Maple Leafs' captain Dion Phaneuf this week. Women across the country talked and tweeted about how beautiful she looked in her dress, while male hockey fans imagined the opposite.

5 Go West. Following Armenian religious tradition, Kim Kardashian is keeping herself and Baby North at home for 40 days, or as she puts it, half a marriage-length.

6 Boo who? Honey Boo Boo's back. Regular and scented. Scratch and sniff cards courtesy of People magazine and US Weekly let viewers follow their noses from pageant to trailer park. Hey, say what you like but TLC understands marketing to the lowest common denominator. Still, what I've seen provides a pretty good sense of what the show smells like already.

7 King's crown. This week in 1954, a 19-year-old employee of The Crown Electric Company in Memphis, Tenn., gave his notice after signing a contract with Sun Records. Elvis had previously been told by local auditioners to keep his day

job. He would arguably become the most influential cultural icon of the 20th century. And yet, right now there are young readers saying, "Elvis who?"

8 Sultans of spin. Are you the best DJ in town? How about the country? If you said, "Hells Yeah!", go to redbullthre3style.com to upload your set by July 27. Those chosen will compete across the country in September for a chance to play at the Canadian Thre3style Finals in Calgary in October. Champs get a crazy week in Toronto for the World Finals! Grab a Red Bull and follow the action.

9 Unsilent moment. Last year, Canadian indie band The Mark Inside gathered at the Toronto loft of vocalist/lyricist Chris Levoir for the indefinite task of composing and recording their third album. Forces aligned creating the sense, personally and artistically, that their most meaningful work had taken shape. Last month, that inspired journey turned bittersweet as the release of Dark Hearts Can Radiate White Light, eerily coincided with Levoir's unexpected death. Visit soundcloud.com/themarkinside to download with loving support to family and friends. Peace.

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ZOOM

Perseverance powers helicopter



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Toronto team takes international prize

Two Toronto engineers have just finished setting up their prize-winning helicopter that is powered by Todd Reichert's powerful legs pedalling a bicycle.

Since 1980, a challenge to engineers across the world — to build a human-powered helicopter, capable of sustaining three metres of

flight for 60 seconds — had remained unclaimed.

Teams of engineers from Japan to the U.S. came close, but not close enough. Only Reichert's team has fulfilled the seemingly impossible feat, earning it a \$250,000 prize Thursday. The award-winning flight took place in June, after 18 months for the University of Toronto alumni to build and fine tune the project. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pedal to the 'medal'

"This isn't something that you're going to commute to work in ... but it's an exercise in pushing the limits on what's physically possible, and what you can do with lightweight materials and design."

Todd Reichert

Specs

- It measures nearly 47 metres across, but is also surprisingly light for its size, at just 54 kilograms.
- The lightweight nature of the frame, made largely of carbon fibre tubes that connect four rotors to a central bike, is a necessity.

bracelets from the 90s (these ones aren't fluorescent, don't worry) and uses any USB port. \$15 on Kickstarter, \$29.99 retail.

C.24 Music Keyboard for iPad:

You might not need your iPad to turn into a keyboard, but you might as well. This keyboard acts as a case for the iPad and with the flip of a lever it turns into a piano keyboard. \$99 on Kickstarter.

She thinks "a little bit" of narcissism is OK but, like being pregnant, you're either a narcissist or you're not.

She may want to reacquaint herself with the actual myth.

Alex Lutz, London



HANNAH ZITNER

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Crowdfunding site Kickstarter is making its way across the border later this summer — but just 'cause us Canucks can't start our own funding projects yet, doesn't mean we can't contribute. Since Kickstarter is generally home to the nerdy entrepreneur, we sorted through what new tech they're coming up with. (So you don't have to. You're welcome.)



Plug:

With files stored all over the place from the cloud to your smartphone to your laptop, plug aims to centralize all your info — the brain of your personal info operation if you will. \$69 on Kickstarter, \$150 retail once it's made.

Wrist Charge:

No more missed texts from dead phones. No more tangled wires. Wrist Charge looks like one of the slash

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Synopsis

Grown Ups 2 picks up where the last movie left off. Lenny (Adam Sandler in his first ever sequel) has relocated his wife (Salma Hayek) and kids back to his hometown to be closer to friends and family. It's the last day of school, and as the kids are packing up their books, their fathers (Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade) grapple with growing up, growing old and a gang of frat boys (lead by Twilight's Taylor Lautner) who think the four old friends are way over the hill.

• Richard: •••••

• Mark: •••••

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Adam Sandler's comedy *Grown Ups 2* opens this weekend. HANDOUT

It's more number two than it is number one

New movie. In the sequel to *Grown Ups*, the comedy doesn't grow into anything and remains a series of juvenile jokes and potty humour

Richard: Mark, the old saying, "They got bigger, but they didn't grow up," perfectly applies to this new Sandler and Company movie. It's 90 minutes of middle-aged men, urination gags (too many to count) and cleavage shots. So while the actors may have matured (chronologically at least) the jokes haven't. Question is: is it funny? I didn't really think so, although I

have to say Shaquille O'Neal's big-guy-Andre-the-Giant shtick made me laugh. You?

Mark: No, I didn't laugh. But let's examine the inventory. Chris Rock may be the funniest stand-up working today, but as a movie star, he's never done anything much worthwhile.

David Spade: Tommy Boy was a long time ago.

Sandler: Well, I only find him funny when he's trying to be serious.

There is only one movie genius here — I'm not kidding — and it's Kevin James. He's the only one of the bunch that can convincingly play a regular guy and not come off like a slumming millionaire. And even then, not in this turkey.

Also you might have to wonder about any sequel that Rob Schneider passes on.

RC: I wondered where Schneider's character was. I guess some friendships don't last forever. I can't say I didn't laugh at all.

James: deadpan dumb kid who can't add or spell is a pretty funny running gag but for a movie about growing up, it was all so juvenile. I didn't expect a searing meditation on aging but I did think they might touch on the fact that they were growing old with more smarts than lines like, "I used to buy 10 cases of beer for my parties, now I get 10 cases of juice boxes."

MB: A good line. I snorted in recognition. And I grudgingly laughed a bit at a few sight gags, like the exploding life raft and some of the '80s outfits at the party finale. But generally, the humour aims too low. But I liked it — if I can use the word — more than the first one. At least it had some nice callbacks and weird twists of coincidence. And it had a lazy summer quality about it, probably the result of lazy screenwriting, acting and direction.

RC: I like silly movies, I just wish it was silly and about something other than a moose urinating on Sandler's unsuspecting family, and by extension, the audience.

MB: We should all feel lucky. In the first draft of the script, it was the other way around.

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Conjuring up some old-school horror

Patrick Wilson. The actor chats with Metro about his latest horror flick, which was a throwback to the '70s

 **NED EHRBAR**
Metro World News in Hollywood

When it comes to discussing contemporary horror movies, "restraint" isn't usually a word that comes up too often.

But it's one that actor Patrick Wilson keeps coming back to when describing how director James Wan (Saw, Insidious) approached *The Conjuring*, based on a case file by real-life paranormal investigators Ed Warren (Wilson) and Lorraine Warren (Vera Farmiga).

The irony doesn't escape Wilson that Wan is at least partially responsible for the current state of horror, but against that backdrop, *The Conjuring* — presented as if it were released during its early 1970s setting — is a throwback in the best possible way.

This movie is seriously terrifying.

Yeah, the movie's no joke. I watched it again last night, and my friend who was with me — who had also seen it with me before — jumped more this time than he did the other time. I kept looking over at him like, "But you know what's coming." I would even look at him right before something happened,



Patrick Wilson (far left) stars in *The Conjuring*. CONTRIBUTED

and he would look at me like, "I know," and then he'd look back at the screen and he'd still jump.

There's a lot of restraint in how the film sticks to its time period, feeling very much in mood and style like a 1970s film.

James said that to me very early on. It was the '70s without hitting people over the head — with bell bottoms or an episode of *Partridge Family* or something. Yeah, it's in the '70s and you've got '70s clothes, and you've got

the odd "groovy" that the kids say — which they would — and I think it gives people a little frame of reference, but it's not blatant.

It's refreshing to see the older style of making scary movies is still effective.

No disrespect to horror movies from the past 15 years, but when people say, "What are the great horror movies?" you're always drawn to the *Exorcist* — that movie always comes up as one of maybe three or four that are arguably the best. Those

are movies that are rich in character and not overly graphic. The violence is used appropriately, the blood is used appropriately. And I think James has a real affinity for that, which I always admired, especially coming from *Saw*. He almost started this whole movement, I feel like, with the shock and the gore and everything. But one of the things that struck me about (our previous collaboration) *Insidious* was the complete opposite of that. And now he's just really hit his stride.



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Science Fiction



Pacific Rim

Director. Guillermo del Toro

Stars. Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba, Rinko Kikuchi

Director Guillermo del Toro has made an end-of-the-world scenario fun. In *Pacific Rim* the planet is threatened by Kaijus, colossal beasts with an appetite for destruction. Giant robots called Jaegers, operated by pilots like Raleigh Becket (Charlie "Sons of Anarchy" Hunnam) are the last hope to fight the beasts and save the world. Add to that Ron Perlman in a colourful cameo, huge-scale martial arts and some crazy Roger Corman-esque science theories and you can expect to have a geek freak-out. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama



The Angels' Share

Director. Ken Loach

Stars. Paul Brannigan, John Henshaw, Gary Maitland

After narrowly escaping jail, Scottish hell-raiser Robbie (Paul Brannigan) tries to create an honest life for his new family. Filmed and set in Glasgow, the first hour has a natural vibe, a rawness and realism that almost feel like a documentary, but it switches in the latter half to a grimly funny caper film. It's an unlikely feel-good movie with good performances and loads of lyrical Scottish accents. The standout here is Brannigan, who is so charismatic in his debut performance it's hard to believe he's never acted before. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama



Pieta

Director. Kim Ki-duk

Stars. Lee Jung-jin, Cho Min-soo

It's a good thing *Pieta* wasn't released earlier this month, for it might be best described as an anti-Mother's Day film. Shocking and sadistic, this award-winning South Korean drama details a cold, crippling loan shark whose solitary life is interrupted by a woman claiming to be his long-lost mom. Fans of veteran Korean filmmaker Kim Ki-duk can expect brutality and violence while others may shun the sheer depravity of the characters. **STEVE GOW**

Drama



Unfinished Song

Director. Paul Andrew Williams

Stars. Terence Stamp, Vanessa Redgrave

Terence Stamp is a dour, impatient man facing the imminent death of his wife (Redgrave) when he realizes he didn't bring her much happiness. He's overwhelmed by guilt and he turns his self-hatred on his son. He tries to stave off loneliness by joining the seniors' singing group she had belonged to. Singing helps him release emotion he can't express otherwise and he starts to come to life again. This is a sweetly sentimental film the English do so well. **ANNE BRODIE**

What's in store at summer's hottest comic book geek-fest

Comic-Con. The annual event showcases the latest in film, TV and general geekery

 **NED EHRBAR**
Metro World News in Hollywood

July means one thing for the entertainment industry: Comic-Con. Here's what we're geeking out over this year at the annual pop culture smorgasbord in San Diego.

IN FILM

Marvel: The comic book movie juggernaut never ceases to impress in San Diego, and hopefully this year will be no different. We're looking for updates on *Avengers 2* as well as the upcoming *Captain America* and *Thor* sequels. Plus, wouldn't it be awesome if they brought out the whole cast of *Guardians of the Galaxy*, their bizarre new super-team movie?

X-Men: Days of Future Past: It feels like it's been forever since Fox has mounted a Hall H presentation for Comic-Con, but this year they're back. Mum is the word on what will be presented, but we have it on good authority something will be done to celebrate the impending release of the *Wolverine*. More importantly, we're hoping for an update from Bryan Singer on his return to the *X-Men* franchise.

Godzilla: With *Pacific Rim* putting giant, city-destroying monsters back in people's minds, the time is right to re-introduce the original kaiju, *Godzilla*. The reboot, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe and Elizabeth Olsen, has just started filming, so hopefully there will be some monster-sized surprises in store.

IN TV

Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: We may have to wait until summer 2015 for *Avengers 2*, but Marvel is helping make that wait go faster with this TV spin-off, overseen by Joss Whedon himself. It's easily our most anticipated show of the fall season. And maybe we'll finally learn how Clark



reason to celebrate at the show's first panel.

IN GENERAL GEEKERY

Doctor Who: We're halfway through the venerable British sci-fi series' 50th anniversary, so expect big things — especially with current Time Lord Matt Smith bowing out later this year. That makes this his last Comic-Con as Doctor Who, so hopefully he'll make the most of it.

Hannibal: Fans of this dark and twisted drama had to wait a tortuously long time for NBC to give it a second season renewal — coming weeks after other series got the green light — so both fans and executive producer Brian Fuller have plenty of

HBO series, maybe we'll skip the drinks at the *Game of Thrones* bar.

The costumes: Celebrities and major movies are nice and all, but what really makes Comic-Con special is the

What about Star Wars?

Fans will have to wait

Hey, isn't the new *Star Wars* movie coming out soon? Wouldn't Comic-Con be the perfect place to do some unveiling? You would think, but every other year Disney — the new parent company in charge of all

hordes of fans who descend on San Diego — especially the cosplay folks, donning incredibly accurate recreations of character costumes from comics, cartoons and TV. We'll be keeping an eye out for the most creative.

things *Star Wars* — has its own summer to-do, the D23 Expo, in August. With D23 looming, it's no surprise the studio will have no presence at Comic-Con aside from its Marvel panel presentation. So fans of the Force will have to wait another month for news on the first of a new series of films in a galaxy far, far away...

A modern twist

Superheroines get a hipster makeover

Artist Elizabeth Beals (society6.com/Elizabeth-BealsPrints) is giving superheroines a modern look by turning them into their hipster selves. The illustrations of the DC female protagonists — Diana Prince (Wonder Woman), Harleen Quinzel (Harley Quinn) and Selina Kyle (Catwoman) — look like they would be at home in an episode of *Girls*. While to the naked eye they may seem like your average 20-something, little nods to their super personalities present a fun new take on these classic characters.

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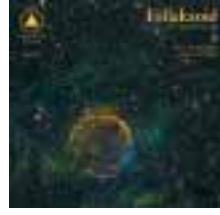
Three tracks that should already be on your radar

9/Föllakzoid

I've seen this Chilean band's music described as "alternative cosmic trance." It sounds more like Krautrock to me, but whatever. This track from the album entitled II is a brilliant driving song.

**Delightfully F'd Up/Alex Silas**

This singer/poet/MC/rapper from Ottawa makes a palatable smoothie out of indie rock, blues, electronic, folk and reggae.

**Shark Attack (I Can See Them Circling)/The Mark Inside**

Just as this Toronto band was about to release their new album, Dark Hearts Can Radiate White Light, singer and guitarist Chris Levoir passed away. The group is now giving away the entire record (which is very good) in his memory.

If you're going to get some random access, wrap it up

Daft Punk. Electronica duo joins a long list of artists who have partnered with condom brands to extend their reach

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

If you're about to get lucky, Daft Punk wants to make sure you're protected. That's why the French duo has partnered with condom maker Durex to make Get Lucky condoms, named after the first single off of their latest album Random Access Memories.

Here's other celebrities who have mixed business with pleasure.

Ke\$ha

During the singer's Get Sleazy tour, Ke\$ha encouraged her fans to have some fun but stay safe when she shot hundreds of Lifestyle

condoms featuring a picture of her face out of a cannon at her concerts.

JLS

The X-Factor boy group partnered with Durex for a Just Love Safe campaign in order to encourage safe sex behav-

ior among their young fans. The four packages featured a different colour and picture of a JLS member.

Ludacris

While he didn't get his own condom, the rapper was the spokesperson for the Magnum Live Large Project, which honoured men with lyrical talent who used the extra-large sized condom.

Fans were encouraged to create Magnum-themed lyrics to a pre-recorded track, and the winner won \$5,000, a chance to get their song played on national radio, a trip to an Atlanta hip-hop festival and the chance to be brought on stage during one of Ludacris' shows.

Lord of the Rings

We're pretty sure the LoTR-branded condoms aren't official. However, whoever owns the property rights to the series is probably kicking themselves for not putting that thou shalt not pass tagline on a rubber themselves.



Angelina Jolie

War, what is it good for? An Angelina Jolie movie, apparently

Angelina Jolie has her second project as a director all lined up. The actress and activist will be taking on *Unbroken*, a Second World War drama about former prisoner of war Louie Zamperini, according to Yahoo News. "I've had the privilege of spending a great deal of time with Louie Zamperini, who is a hero of mine, and now — I am proud to say — a dear friend," Jolie

says in a statement. "I am deeply honoured to be telling his extraordinary story, and I will do my absolute best to give him the film he deserves." Oscar-winners Joel and Ethan Coen are writing the script, and Jolie was spotted in Hawaii this week scouting locations. Jolie's first film as a director, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*, was released in 2011.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

King of Queens star leaves Church of Scientology

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York City

King of Queens and The Talk star Leah Remini has left the Church of Scientology. Apparently Remini, who has been a member of the church for many years, grew tired of the organization's habit of cutting off ties with people it deems "suppressive."

"It all began when Leah questioned the validity of excommunication of people," a source told the Post. "She is stepping back from a regime she thinks is corrupt. She thinks no religion should tear apart



a family or abuse someone under the umbrella of 'religion.'" Apparently, at Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes's wedding, the actress asked politely where church leader David Miscavige's wife was. It must have been a loaded question, because Remini was slammed with years of "thought modification." Remini is reportedly considering going public, but wants to wait and see what the church is going to do, since they're rumoured to harass those who try to leave.



LeAnn Rimes

LeAnn laughing her ass off at pregnancy rumours

Country singer LeAnn Rimes finds Star magazine's claims that she's expecting a baby with husband Eddie Cibrian hilarious. "(Laughing my ass off,) Star magazine," she tweeted in

response to the story. "I don't know if you (doctor) the pics or pick the worst one you can find, but I'm far from pregnant and just dropped a jean size."

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LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD

When Jensen Hu looks around at the London, Ontario of today, he sees a very different landscape than when he was growing up. *Big box stores have moved in and staked their territory. Small businesses that used to be familiar landmarks have disappeared with even more coming and going in remarkably short order.* With his latest venture, Grabbodeals.com, Hu sets out to level the playing field. Having been a small business owner and entrepreneur for much of his life, Hu fully understands that to start, grow and even maintain a small business is always a challenge. With this experience, the company Grabbodeals.com was born and has launched in London and intends to revolutionize the traditional deal site experience for both businesses and customers alike.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Grabbodeals.com is not just another group buying site or any one of a number of clones that have became very popular in recent years (that rapidly rose and have steadily declined) and the backlash associated with them. "We are a powerful tool and partner for our merchant members, not just another advertising option."

The key difference with Grabbodeals.com is that, unlike other deal sites, they never take a commission. "Why would we?" says Hu. "Small business is difficult enough without giving away around three quarters of your gross profits away."

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Grabbodeals.com also addresses the biggest complaint of other sites with its "wishlist" feature. This feature asks subscribers to suggest and vote on specific busi-

nesses or categories they would like to see listed on Grabbodeals.com.

It is important to note that Grabbodeals.com is truly local, not a franchised concept but homegrown and operated in London. Hu believes that this no commission approach for businesses, along with its unique, proprietary deal search, subscription technology and flash deals will attract businesses and subscribers to try out his new, innovative take on the traditional deal site model.

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A crispy nacho is a happy (tasty) nacho

Corn and Steak Grilled Nachos. When they're nuked in the microwave, these little guys die a soggy death. Save a nacho from this sad ending with your barbecue

Before turning on the grill, make sure the baking sheet you plan to use fits on it with the lid down. If it doesn't, you can divide the ingredients into multiple smaller pans. The smaller pans also can be cooked in batches, if needed.

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the adobo sauce, tomato paste, oil, garlic powder and salt. Add the steak and mix to coat thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes and up to overnight.

2. When ready to cook, heat the grill to medium-high.

3. Rub the corn with a bit of canola oil, then set it on the grill. Cook the corn, turning often, until lightly browned on all sides, about 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer the corn to a plate and set aside until cool enough to handle.

4. Meanwhile, use an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to coat the grill grates with oil. Add the steak and grill for 1 to 2 minutes per side, or to desired doneness. Transfer to

a plate and set aside. Leave the grill on, but reduce the heat to low.

5. Arrange the tortilla chips in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Spread the steak evenly over the chips.

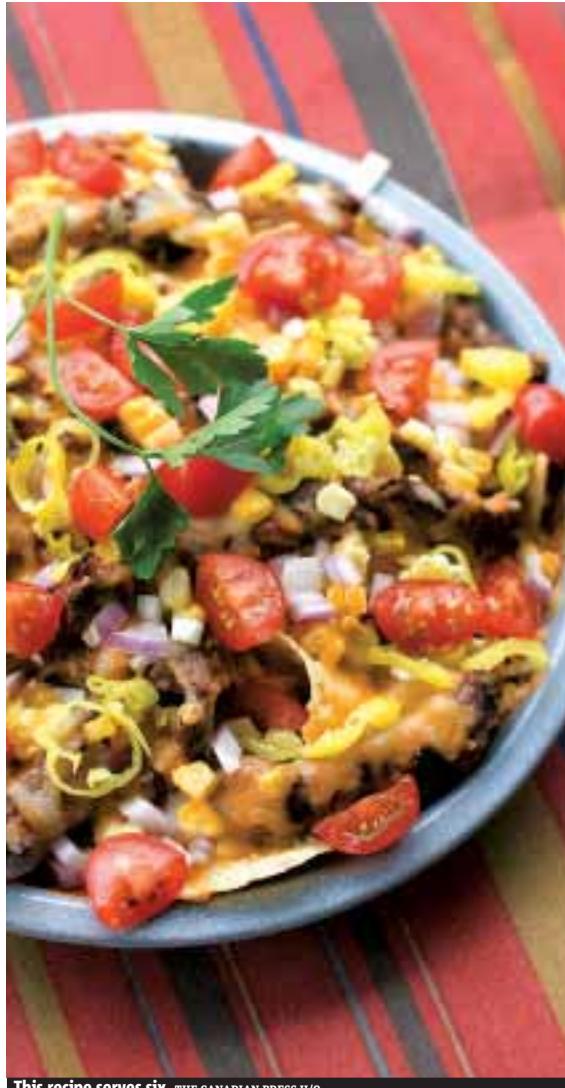
6. Cut the corn kernels from the cobs. To do this, stand the ear on its wide end, then use a knife to saw down the length of the sides. Scatter the corn kernels over the steak and chips, then scatter the cheese over that. Set the baking sheet on the grill, cover the grill and cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or until the cheese is melted.

7. Remove the baking sheet from the grill, then scatter the tomatoes, pepperoncini and diced onion over the other toppings. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients

- 3 tbsp adobo sauce (from a can of chipotle chilies in adobo)
- 3 tbsp tomato paste
- 3 tbsp canola, plus extra
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 9 oz beef sirloin, thinly sliced (can substitute pre-sliced "stir-fry" beef)
- 1 ear corn, husked
- 11-oz bag corn tortilla chips
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 pint cherry tomatoes, cut into quarters
- 1/3 cup pepperoncini, stemmed and thinly sliced
- 1/2 small red onion, diced



This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Liquid Assets

Staple of summertime



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Sorry, spirit fans, you don't have the monopoly on mixology. Innovative wine lovers have been adding extras to vino for centuries, creating inspired alternatives to drinking it neat.

The Spanish came up with the idea of sangria: A blend of red wine, liqueur and fruit named after their term for blood because of its dark colour. Arguably the first wine cooler, Canadians are just cluing in to how easy it is to make—not to mention how well it goes with summer menus.

My basic recipe is meant to be played with, so have fun experimenting. Use whatever fruit turns you on (I start with watermelon, blueberries and raspberries) and an inexpensive Spanish red or a value-priced, fruit-forward alternative like Lindeman's juicy 2012 Cawarra Shiraz Cabernet (\$8.95 to \$10.99) from Australia.

Peter's Simple Sangria:

- Ice cubes
- 750 ml chilled red wine
- 100 ml orange liqueur
- 500 ml gingerale
- 200 ml lemonade
- Fruit
- Sugar

Grab a clear glass pitcher and toss in some ice cubes. Add all the liquids, then the fruit. Stir. Give it a sip and add sugar to taste. Enjoy!

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Beat the heat and enjoy a cup of Joe, too

Iced coffee. Forget the expensive but watered down versions you get from cafés and make your own

As the dog days of summer scorch on, no one wants to swelter through a hot cup of coffee, but most people still need their daily caffeine kick. At the same time, many coffee shops charge premiums for the privilege of simply watering down your hot coffee with ice.

The answer, though, is within reach: cold-brew coffee, a style that has enjoyed a recent resurgence.

Toronto's The Rooster Coffee House manager, Kyle Wilson offers tips so you can beat the heat and satisfy your caffeine needs at the same time.

1. Understand the basics

Cold-brew coffee gets its name because, rather than using hot water to extract the coffee grinds from a vessel like a French press, it involves a slow infusion in cold water over the



Barista Kyle Wilson offers easy tips for cold brewing. GALIT RODAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

course of 12 to 20 hours. "It's great to make the night before so it's ready for when you leave for work," says Wilson.

It's simple enough: Start with a French press, fresh cold water, coffee beans and ice. Grind the coffee somewhat finely and dump it into the

French press. Using a ratio of one part coffee and five parts water, pour cold water into the French press. Place plastic wrap on top of your French press and leave it on the counter for at least 12 hours, and as long as 24 hours.

Once the time has elapsed,

filter the grounds by pressing down the plunger, then pour the liquid through a coffee filter or cheesecloth to get rid of any remaining residue. This is your coffee concentrate, and you should use an equal amount of concentrate and water for each serving. Add ice, and enjoy.

2. Weights and measures

The variance in the quality of your cold-brew will often come from the beans, your fastidiousness to the process and the equipment you use, Wilson says. He compares it to baking, with its specific times, weights and measurements, to achieve a consistent and delicious product every time.

He weighs the ground beans and recommends one part ground coffee to five parts water as a good baseline. (Use a scale or measuring spoon and glass measure and aim for about 10 grams/two tablespoons of ground coffee to 50 millilitres/one quarter cup of water.)

3. On the grind

The grind of the bean is also crucial. Wilson says if you don't have a burr or hand grinder, the best option is to ask your local coffee shop to grind it for you. "You need a consistency of grind to translate over to taste. If some is coarse and some is fine, you'll get this unbalanced taste," he says. "You're left with something that's not as good as it can be."

4. Be creative and have fun

Wilson honed his coffee wisdom by spending years working in the restaurant industry in Australia, where he says the culture is deeply imbued with the crema of an espresso. And so he adds that while some of these tips seem complicated, it's important to simply love what you're doing and try what works best for you.

"There are rules to follow, but sometimes not following the rules, you can get creative and stumble on something that may not be out there," he says.

The less water you add, he says, the stronger your brew will be. Wilson also says that while he's settled on 20 hours as the ideal brew time, he's never tried doing it for longer — and says you should feel free to do so.

There are many types of equipment available on the market, all producing a different quality of brew: from the buxom leather-wrapped Chemex, the smooth single-serve AeroPress, and the cold-brew-specific filter system Toddy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Big Habs signee
McCarron to join
Knights in fall

The London Knights picked up a new player for 2013-14 when Michigan's Michael McCarron signed with the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday.

The Habs agreed to a three-year entry-level contract with McCarron, a first-round (25th overall) pick in the 2013 NHL draft.

The 18-year-old had 34 points (14 goals, 20 assists) in 55 games with the USHL's U.S. national development team in 2012-13.

The six-foot-five, 237-pounder added five points (three goals, two assists) in seven games with the U.S. at the 2013 IIHF under-18 world championship. McCarron had been expected to attend Western Michigan University and play hockey there this fall.

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MLB

Tigers lose temper
against White Sox

Joshua Phegley's sixth-inning grand slam gave Chris Sale some long-awaited run support, and Chicago went on to beat the Detroit Tigers 6-3 on Thursday in a game that included a bench-clearing altercation shortly after the White Sox took the lead.

Chicago trailed 3-1 when Phegley cleared the bases with a homer off Detroit starter Anibal Sanchez (7-6). Luke Putkonen came on and got one out before throwing a pitch behind Alexei Ramirez, who started toward the mound before being restrained.

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Kovalchuk walks away from deal with Devils

NHL. Russian sniper retires to return home; 12 years, \$77M left on big contract

When the New Jersey Devils signed Ilya Kovalchuk to a contract that eventually became a 15-year deal worth \$100 million US, it stunned the NHL.

But that was nothing compared to Kovalchuk's decision to retire and walk away from the final 12 years and \$77 million of it.

Kovalchuk's announcement Tuesday to return home to Russia came several months after the superstar considered staying there in the wake of the NHL lockout. The 30-year-old said in a statement that he has thought for a long time about moving home for good.

"Though I decided to return this past season, (general manager Lou Lamoriello) was aware of my desire to go back home and have my family there with me," Kovalchuk said. "The most difficult thing for me is to leave the New Jersey Devils, a great organization that I have a lot of respect for, and our fans that have been great to me."

Kovalchuk had 417 goals and 399 assists in 816 games over 11 NHL seasons spent with the Atlanta Thrashers and Devils. He was the first overall pick of the Thrashers in 2001 and was a face of that franchise before being traded to New Jersey in 2010.

"After many conversations with Ilya over the past year on his desire to retire from the National Hockey League, Ilya's decision became official today," Lamoriello said in a statement.



Ilya Kovalchuk is retiring from the NHL after just the third year of his 15-year \$100-million contract. GETTY IMAGES FILE

"On behalf of the entire organization, I wish Ilya and his family all the best in their future endeavours."

Kovalchuk is free to play in Russia's Kontinental Hockey League and reports from Russian news agencies indicated he will officially sign with SKA St. Petersburg on Friday.

Kovalchuk's original deal with the Devils was for 17 years and \$102 million. It was ruled cap circumvention by the NHL because Kovalchuk would have been 44 years old when it was over.

The Devils must forfeit their 2014 first-round pick as punishment for the circumven-

\$77M left on the table

Here are the remaining yearly salary amounts Ilya Kovalchuk will be giving up:

2013-14: \$11,300,000
2014-15: \$11,300,000
2015-16: \$11,600,000
2016-17: \$11,800,000

2017-18: \$10,000,000
2018-19: \$7,000,000
2019-20: \$4,000,000
2020-21: \$1,000,000
2021-22: \$1,000,000
2022-23: \$1,000,000
2023-24: \$3,000,000
2024-25: \$4,000,000

tion after they opted to keep their selections in 2012 and 2013. They will also be charged \$250,000 against the salary cap through 2024-25 as a result of Kovalchuk's retirement.

The rest of the nearly

\$6.7-million hit will come off New Jersey's cap. The Devils lost winger David Clarkson in free agency but re-signed Patrik Elias and Dainius Zubrus earlier this off-season.

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March 21 - April 20

You are not usually the trusting sort but you seem determined to see only the best in people today. Good for you but don't believe everyone.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You have so much work to finish before the weekend that you may be at a loss to know how to get it all done. Don't worry, the planets will provide. All you have to do is make a start and then keep going.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Wherever you go and whatever you do today people will greet you like a long lost friend. You must be doing something right to get this kind of response, so carry on.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It seems you have been rather obsessive about someone. For some reason you have been thinking about this person night and day. Is that healthy? Probably not. Think about something else.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Friends will rally around and make life easy for you today. What have you done to deserve this kind of assistance? Probably nothing much but you do have a knack for attracting people.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It might be wise to leave your credit card at home today because if you use it once you won't know when to stop. Use cash only and limit yourself to a certain amount. If you haven't got enough, too bad.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

People you do business with today may not be talkative but from the look in their eyes and the way they position themselves, you will know what they are thinking. You read body language so well.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It's good to be open-minded but that does not mean you can allow people with silly theories to waste your time. The Sun in Cancer promotes broader thinking but some thinking is too outrageous to take seriously.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how vulnerable you may feel at the moment, you need to be around people because it is only through personal contact that you can rise above this negative phase.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Make a point of being calm today because what happens over the weekend will try your patience to the limit.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are desperate to be on the move and will be impatient with people who think or act too slowly. Your journey will be a lot more pleasant if you relax and stop looking at your watch so often. Time doesn't matter.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you are confused about something, you must speak up. There is nothing wrong in admitting that you don't "get" it and it's unlikely you are the only one. You will be doing people a favour. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Gig at a party or nightclub
6. Shines
11. T.O. Raptors home venue
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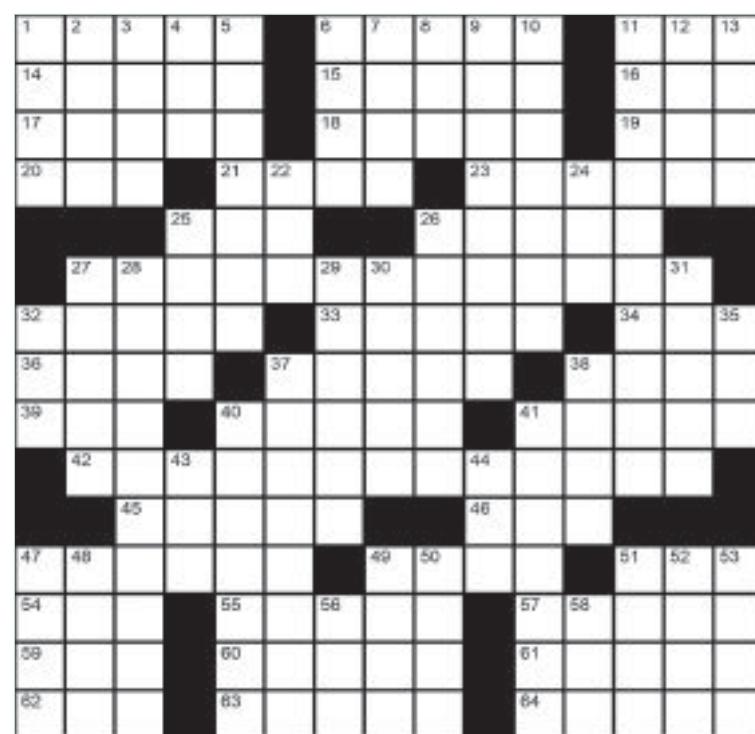
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26. Sort or style
27. Sports milieu for The Andretti Family: 2 wds.
32. Ancient theatre
33. Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. __"
34. __ kwon do
36. __ have to do.
37. Particular puzzle
38. Modes of transport, commonly
39. Vegas opener
40. Walking sticks
41. Vendor's items
42. Architectural style of the Parliament Buildings: 2 wds.
45. Cam __ (Hockey great born in Comox, 1911

Down

5. Towel holder
60. Ms. Turner's
61. Actress Ms. Blair
62. Lock unlocker
63. Decree
64. Use a broom
Down
1. Narcotic
55. House parts
57. Alberta town est. 1911

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26. Sharp-tailed __ (Saskatchewan's provincial bird)
27. Suitcase attachment, __ __
28. Actor who famously played a Mountie in "Rose-Marie" (1936): 2 wds.
29. CSA = Canadian Space __
30. Dressing gown creator, perhaps
31. Judge's prop
32. "Dallas" money-maker
35. 'Count' suffix
37. "Canadian __ Trilogy" by Gordon Lightfoot
38. Economize
40. "Ocean's Twelve" (2004) star, Don __
41. __ Bay, Nfld.
43. Real life "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962) character Mr. Lawrence, et al.
44. Mr. Kilmer
47. Wine bottle plug
48. Moisturizer ingredient
49. Bric-a-__
50. Li'l helper
51. Strait of Belle __
52. Italy's capital
53. Piece of cake
56. Clandestine maritime org.
58. Mountain __ (Soft drink)



BC)

59. Towel holder

3. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)

missiles

46. Consumed

60. Ms. Turner's

10. Quietude

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11. Jim Carrey role:

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51. US org. in recent

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6. Hello, to Crocodile

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54. Un-new

7. Carries with effort

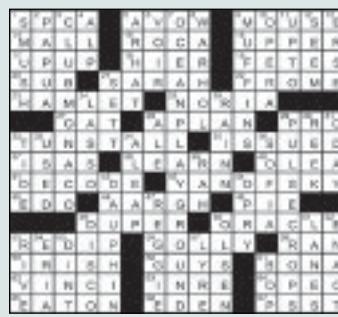
8. __-Wan Kenobi

55. House parts

9. Explosive parts on

25. Graven image

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	5	3	9	2	7	8	8
9	7	6	5	8	4	3	1	2
2	8	9	6	7	1	4	9	5
6	5	9	7	1	3	8	2	4
7	8	1	2	4	6	5	3	9
3	2	4	9	5	8	1	7	6
4	6	2	1	3	5	9	8	7
8	9	3	4	6	7	2	5	1
5	1	7	8	2	9	6	4	3

1	2	9	3	5
4		2		
3		7		6
5		6	7	
3	8			
1	5		8	
7		8	6	
4	3			1
1	6		5	9

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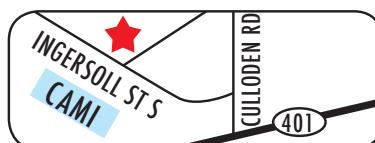
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